is an issue, or send it back to the Rules Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator, I'm gonna rule you out of order, because there is nothing before the House. Senator Carsten you asked to be recognized, for what purpose? As near as the House -- as near as the Chair can determine there's nothing before this body. Senator Dickinson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DICKINSON: I'm a little reluctant to say Mr. President, but I started this discussion and I simply asked a question. I wanted to know if we are living by these rules now as proposed by the Exec -- by an executive order or whether we were not. I would hope that we could vote on this sometime so -- and if the body adopts them fine and dandy. I'm willing to abide by them. In the mean time we don't know what we're doing. I -- to make my point -- the first morning we were in session I went back to the Sergeant-at-Arms and asked him to send me a note from a person -- a teacher of a government class whom I had told to send the note in to get me when they got here. Sergeant-at-Arms refused to do it based on the order of the Executive Board. This is what ''m trying to get ironed our. I don't know what rules we're living by. Now I think we do have an issue before the body -- until it's resolved we will continue to have.

PRESIDENT: Will -- will you kindly make a motion then Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: OK, I will move that these -- that the proposals of the Executive Board as outlined in a letter dated January 8th and distributed to the body go to the Rules Committee, and until such time as they come back with a recommendation and we act upon it, we are operating as we did when we seased our session last year.

PRESIDENT: Is there a second? Senator Chambers second. Are you ready for the question? It will be the Chairs rule that this motion requires 25 votes to pass. I'll call for the vote. We're voting or Genator Dickinson's motion. Senator would you rise again and restate your motion again for Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I don't -- I'm not sure I can do that Mr. President. I simply move that we can operate in this area under last years rules until such time as the Rules Committee comes back with a recommendation that we change the rules. I don't -- we don't know what we're operating under.

PRESIDENT: Senator, it'd be the Chairs opinion that you do irrespective of your motion, because there has been no change in the rules. A mere recommendation by the Executive Committee is not -- can't amount to a change in the rules. But you've made the motion it's been seconded and the question has been called for. Have you all voted? Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 24 nays Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion failed. Senator Duis for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUIS: A point of personal priviledge.